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Support for new claims 22-31 is found in the specification at, for example, page 3, lines 8-10,

and the claims as originally filed. New claims 22 and 23 are identical to previously canceled originally

filed claims 2 and 3.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by

the current amendment. The attached is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW

**CHANGES MADE.**"

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and

remarks made herein.

No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested.

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1. (Twice amended) An isolated polynucleotide molecule encoding an effector protein for the Grb7 family of signalling proteins, wherein the polynucleotide molecule comprises a nucleotide sequence encoding an amino acid sequence <a href="https://having.at.least.85%">having at least 85%</a> sequence identity to the amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

New claims 22-31 have been added.



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